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INFORMATION FOR PANELISTS:

1. Arrive at WCAU-TV Thursday, April 7, 1968 ^{2:15} between ~~12-15~~ and ~~12:30~~ ^{4:30} p.m. Tell the lobby receptionist that you are to take part in a taping in Studio 3.
2. The taping session will be over by 2:45 p.m.
3. Please wear ~~nothing blue~~. Due to an electronic process to be used on the program, ~~any blue-colored object that appears on camera unexpectedly will create technical problems.~~
4. Please avoid wearing very light colors, especially white. These create difficulties in lighting.
5. Please do not smoke during the taping session.
6. Please do not plan on having any reference material on set with you. There is simply no place to put it. (Small cards and pens will be available for those who would like to make notes during the discussion.)
7. As the series is seen Sunday mornings at 9:00, please avoid making references to time which would seem out of place when the program airs, such as: "this afternoon" or "yesterday" (meaning Wednesday).
8. Nearly all of the programs in this series will be rerun at some point, probably during the summer of 1969.
9. Generally, programs will be seen the Sunday following their recording.
10. There is no professional host on this series. For each program, an individual panelist will be selected in advance to act as discussion leader. It is his responsibility to keep the discussion on the subject and moving along.

In order to get the best part of the discussion on tape, the actual recording will begin at an undetermined time after the discussion has begun. In this way, we hope to avoid losing viewers who aren't willing to wait for things to "get started." After the recording has begun and the off-camera introductions are complete, the panel will be shown an "on" sign to indicate the start of the recording. The purpose of this is to permit the discussion leader to recreate informally any particularly good discussion

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that may have occurred.

If this "joining in progress" technique is to be successful in eliminating the breaking-the-ice phase of the discussion from the program, the panel must begin the discussion in earnest on their initial cue to do so, unaffected by the fact that the first minutes will not be recorded.

As with the opening, the program will close "in progress" with the discussion still going on, and without acknowledgment by the panel of what's happening.

To sum up all of the above, the panel need worry only about having an interesting discussion, leaving the driving to us.

11. This is an informal program. Panelists should address each other as they would off-camera. They should express their thoughts freely and not hesitate to constructively disagree. Although panelists will be identified by name and pertinent affiliation, we are interested in their thoughts as individuals, not as representatives of groups. If any panelist would like to make a personal disclaimer to that effect, he is welcome to do so.
12. All panelists will be consulted a few days prior to the taping regarding content. (In as many cases as possible, it is hoped that meetings can be arranged with all available panelists participating.) A list of possible areas for discussion will be supplied to panelists. Panelists are welcome to make use of the resource material (books, clippings, etc.) available at Wellsprings.

Please feel free to call any of us at the numbers listed on the first page.

THANK YOU.

Participants are invited on the basis of diversity of religious beliefs, confrontive differences in position on the issues, and commitment or involvement in social action.

The thrust of each program will be to clarify and probe the issues for the benefit of the viewers, in light of the participants' desire to see beliefs and concepts translated into committed, concrete action, rather than to "win" some sort of debate.

Participants are therefore asked in particular to examine and articulate issues in the light of their religious and secular experience and perspective.

In general, programs are opened with a positive statement of the more familiar, accepted or established viewpoint or academic discipline, which is then questioned or challenged from more liberal and radical viewpoints of those working for more rapid social change.

